



WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1959.

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E.J. GORDON WALLACE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Port Medical Officer.

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WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Health Centre,  
Westham Road,  
WEYMOUTH.

March, 1960.

TO the Chairman and Members of the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Article 17 (5) of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935 and 1951, I have to submit for your information and consideration my Annual Report for the Year 1959.

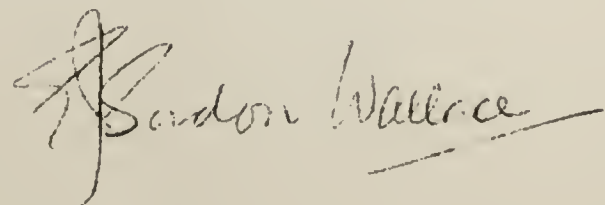
The Minister of Health requires that this Report should be prepared on the lines indicated in Form Port 20 which was enclosed with Circular 33/52 dated 6th November, 1952. Form Port 20 states that the information required in Section I, V, VI, VIII, XIV, XV and XVI -- all marked with an asterisk -- need not be repeated each year. This information was given in full in the 1955 Report and will be recapitulated next year and thereafter quinquennially. For the intermediate years, only the changes which have occurred during the year covered by the Report need be mentioned in those Sections; if there has been no change, "NO CHANGE" should be entered.

Apart from an incident in October, 1959 in the motor yacht "Aronia" in which a member of the crew was found dead and a steward was subsequently convicted of manslaughter, no unusual occurrence took place during the year.

It is again a pleasure to have this opportunity of thanking members of the Authority for their kindness and consideration, the Clerk for his ready co-operation and Mr. E.V. Abbey, Port Health Inspector, for his willing assistance at all times. I was also most grateful to the Divisional Shipping Manager, British Railways, Capt. T.A. Hollyoak, Harbourmaster and the Officers of H.M. Customs for their continued help and practical assistance when the necessity arose.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,



E.J. GORDON WALLACE,  
Port Medical Officer.



SECTION 1 - STAFF H

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TABLE A

NO CHANGE

SECTION 11 - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships Reported as Having, or Having Had during the Voyage, Infect- ious disease on board
			By the Med. Officer of Health.	By the Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	35	41,372	7	34	Nil
Coastwise	731	470,537	5	708	Nil
Total	766	511,909	12	742	Nil

SECTION 111 - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic (Number of Passengers Inwards 74,724 Day Trippers.  
(Number of Passengers Outwards 78,164 22,688

Cargo Traffic Principal IMPORTS, vegetables, fruit, flowers, poultry, shellfish,  
oil, timber and fertilizer.  
Principal EXPORTS, general merchandise, stores, barley and animal  
feeding stuffs.

Principal Ports from which Ships Arrive. Amsterdam, Antwerp, Brussels, Dieppe,  
Dunkirk, Gefle, Hamina, Haraviken, Haukipudas, Kasko, Kemi, Kotka, Mantiluoto,  
New York, Patenioni, Rotterdam, St. Helier, St. Malo, St. Peter Port, Trinidad,  
Ymuiden.

SECTION 1V - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

NIL

SECTION V -- WATER SUPPLY \*

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI -- PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS REGULATIONS), 1952.

1. List of Infected Areas (Regulation 6). Information, more up to date than hitherto, is now received each week direct from the World Health Organisation at Geneva. Fresh lists giving appropriate extracts from this W.H.O. Weekly Epidemiological Record are now being sent each week to (a) The Port Health Inspector, (b) H.M. Customs, Weymouth and (c) H.M. Customs, Portland.

(2) - (5) - NO CHANGE

SECTION VII -- SMALLPOX.

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox Cases are sent from the District.  
Crabwood Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Winchester, Hants.  
Tel. Winchester 2121.

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital.

Dorset County Council Ambulance Service

(from the Weymouth Ambulance Depot, Tel. No. Wey. 2661.)

Each Ambulance Driver/Attendant at this Depot is re-vaccinated every year.

The vaccinal state of the Weymouth Corporation disinfectant staff is also maintained by annual re-examination.

3. Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace -- Weymouth.

Dr. A.F. Turner -- Weymouth

Dr. C. Hollins -- Dorchester.

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected material is sent to:-

Dr. F.O. McCallum,

Virus Reference Laboratory,

Central Public Health Laboratory.

Colindale, London, N.W.9.

Tel. Colindale 6041.

SECTION VIII -- VENEREAL DISEASE \*

NO CHANGE



SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.

TABLE D.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>No. of Cases during Year</u>		<u>Number of Ships Concerned.</u>
		<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Crew</u>	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS - NIL.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE. - NIL

SECTION XII - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

1. The Port Health Inspector carried out a detailed inspection for rodents in all ships arriving from foreign ports.
2. Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examinations of rodents to be carried out at the County Laboratory, Dorchester. No such examinations were carried out during 1959.
3. The Port Health Inspector has been trained in modern methods of rodent control, including "1080" - Sodium Fluoroacetate. Small infestations are dealt with by trapping and baiting. Large scale infestations would be dealt with by specialist fumigation firms from Southampton or London.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Black rats ... ..	Nil
Brown rats ... ..	Nil
Species not known ... ..	Nil
Sent for examination .. ...	Nil
Infected with plague .. ...	Nil



TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the Year for Ships from Foreign Ports.

<u>No. of Deratting Certificates issued.</u>					Number of Deratting Exemption Cert's. Issued.	Total Cert's Issued
<u>After fumigation with</u>		<u>After trap- ping</u>	<u>After Poison- ing.</u>	<u>Total</u>		
H.C.N. 1	Other Fumigant (State Method) 2	3	4 X	5	6	7
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	5	5

X State poisons used and number of Certificates issued after each poison.

In addition to the ships from foreign ports mentioned under Table F above, de-ratting exemption certificates were also issued to five coastwise ships.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices.

NATURE and number of Inspections.	NOTICES SERVED		Result of Serving Notices.
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices.	
British            704	Nil	28	21 Abated
Foreign           38	Nil	Nil	-
Total            742	Nil	28	21 Abated

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SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 and 1948.

NO CHANGE

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SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

NO CHANGE

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SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS.

NO CHANGE

WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

TO Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace,  
Port Medical Officer of Health

WEYMOUTH  
March, 1960.

Sir,

In accordance with the requirements of Article 27 (8) of the Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations, 1935 and 1951, I herewith submit particulars of my work during the year 1959 as Port Health Inspector and Assistant Food Inspector to the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Particulars of Ships Arriving and Inspected in the Port during 1959.

					<u>Where Inspected.</u>	
					<u>Weymouth</u>	<u>Portland.</u>
British	...	...	....	...	615	87
American	...	...	....	...	1	-
Dutch	...	...	....	...	21	4
French	...	...	....	...	3	-
German	...	...	....	...	4	1
Irish	...	...	....	...	-	1
Norwegian	...	...	....	...	-	2
Swedish	...	...	....	...	2	1
					<hr/> 646	<hr/> 96

Number of Inspections made During the Year.

Total number of vessels inspected	742
Re-inspections after the Giving of Notices	35
Re-visits to vessels discharging food cargoes	99
Visits under Section 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations.	20
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Food Inspection.

Five hundred and eighty six visits and ninety nine re-visits were made to vessels discharging food cargoes during the year. Ten items of foodstuff were condemned as unfit for human consumption, details of which are set out below:-

<u>Foods.</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Date Detained</u>	<u>Action Taken.</u>
Jersey Potatoes	80 lbs.	6.6.59.	8.6.59. Condemned and Destroyed.
Guernsey Tomatoes	300 lbs.	28.6.59.	29.6.59. -do-
Guernsey Tomatoes	120 lbs.	28.6.59.	29.6.59. -do-
Guernsey Tomatoes	84 lbs.	29.7.59.	30.7.59. -do-
Guernsey Tomatoes	96 lbs.	29.7.59.	30.7.59. -do-
Guernsey Tomatoes	60 lbs.	6.8.59.	6.8.59. -do-
Guernsey Tomatoes	120 lbs.	23.8.59.	25.8.59. -do-
Guernsey Tomatoes	84 lbs.	26.8.59.	27.8.59. -do-
Jersey Cream (4oz. jars)	72	23.8.59.	1.9.59. -do-
Jersey Tomatoes	48 lbs.	17.9.59.	18.9.59. -do-

The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1959 was:-

	<u>Packages</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>
Tomatoes	6,869,670	42,734	11
Potatoes	103,746	2,669	17
Other Produce	103,361	-	-
	<hr/> 7,076,777 <hr/>	<hr/> - <hr/>	<hr/> - <hr/>

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Port Health Authority and to yourself as Port Medical Officer for the support and consideration afforded me during the year. Also to the officers of H.M. Customs Waterguard and Excise, the Naval Stores Officer and staff, Shipping Agents and their staffs and members of the British Railways Executive and pier staff for the assistance which has been so willingly given to me.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD V. ABBEY.

Port Health and Assistant Food Inspector.



